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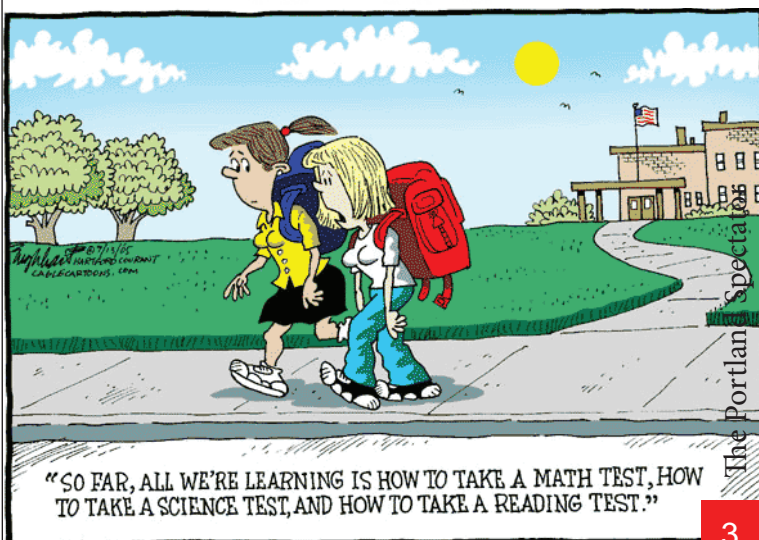
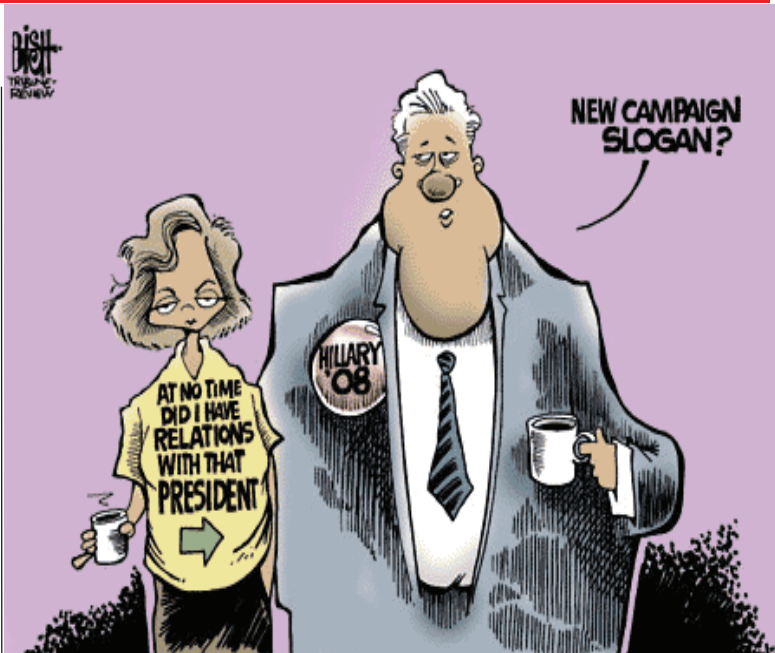
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Comics found from Daryl Cagle's Professional Cartoonist's Index

Catapult to Glory 1986 Darwin Award Nominee *Unconfirmed by Darwin*

(1986, United Kingdom) In 1986 the UK saw its most violent storm in 350 years. Winds exceeded 90 mph, and an incredible amount of damage was done to property and people up and down the UK. Millions of trees were uprooted by the gales.

In Margate in the county of Kent, one unfortunate homeowner had a property bordered by three massive poplars. The wind had felled one, which came to rest across his back garden. Another poplar had been bent over just far enough to lodge its top under the soffit of his roof. The foliage was blocking his upstairs bedroom windows, and something had to be done.

This chap did not own a chainsaw, nor could he reach the trunk of the tree from the house, even when leaning out the window. So he decided to shinny up and saw off the top while sitting astride the trunk, with his feet wedged against the gutter of his roof. He had plenty of time to reflect on the wisdom of his position, as it took him 20 minutes of sawing before the bent tree, which experts estimate held the energy equivalent to small field gun--parted company with the portion trapped by the soffit, and sprang back upright.

His body was found in a neighbor's garden over a mile away. The police surgeon stated that his neck probably broke during the whiplash and he would therefore have known nothing of the impact with the ground.

The New Version of the Mile High Club

They have the mile high club... but an overnight stay in Amsterdam is taking sex to, well, new heights. Free of charge, couples are now able to spend one passionate night in a hatchback held up by thirteen-foot stilts above the city. "I tried to make space for real love in a city where sex is dominant" states creator Federico D'Orazio. In exchange for the free lodging, participants simply provide the artist with an explanation of their "romantic intentions."

The Price of Fondling

So, just how much is too much to charge someone to fondle a female bosom? According to a Finnish district court, 25,500 euros (the equivalent of \$32,000 American) is too much. A couple in their twenties is now in jail after being convicted of charging a 74-year-old 25,500 euros to fondle the woman's breasts on ten instances. How much is a reasonable value? According to Judge Hasse Hakki, the court will not determine "the proper financial value of the compensation."

A Translation Mishap

According to the Jerusalem municipality, Jerusalem does not exist. A recently released sightseeing brochure ran into slight translation problems as the front stated, "Jerusalem. There is no such city!" Thousands of fliers were released before officials realized that the statement "Jerusalem. There is no city like it!" had been mistranslated.

Technology and Criminals

Technology; we cannot live with or without it. A piece of advice? If you are planning a robbery, leave your cellular telephone at home. A thief lost his cell phone during a robbery in Milan. The victim handed the phone to police who captured the thief when he attempted to recover the device. To top it off? He had committed another robbery and was transporting himself in a stolen car.

Dogs Need Homes Too

"Annie," the story of an orphan girl, is giving canines a new home. Whiskey, an orphaned dog, will play the role of Sandy in the upcoming musical in New York. The Humane Society of New York is hoping that the show will enable to homeless animal to find a good home. Auditions were held in Madison Square Garden in front of an audience of 100 onlookers. Whiskey stole their hearts when he gave Marissa O'Donnell (who will be playing Annie) a kiss. In addition to the good spirits of the dog, his obedience and calm nature has won him a spot in the Broadway production set to open in December.

Fish v. Man

How far would you go to catch "the big one?" In Florida, a man lost his life in pursuit of a Goliath Grouper this past month. The 42 year old man speared the fish in about 25 feet of water off the coast of the Lower Florida Keys and then became tangled in the line. Quickly, the fish took off into a hole causing the man to be unable to escape. Next time you go fishing for bass, beware.

Raider Practice

Upon discovery of a white substance on the practice field, Oakland Raider football practice was cancelled. FBI forensic experts were brought into investigate and found the white powder to be chalk from the goal line. Practice resumed the following day. (This statement was found on craigslist and the validity is not verified- nonetheless, a good story)

Campus Update

BACK TO SCHOOL



Party in the Park was a success once again. Thursday, the park filled with information booths, music, food, and entertainment as the PSU school year opened. Party in the Park offered students easy access to student groups enabling them to get involved. Groups from ASPSU, Campus Recreation, and Campus Crusade to Pacific Islanders and AMA participated in the event. Students who did not get the chance to participate in Party in the Park may obtain information related to student opportunities online.

PSU IS HOME TO A NEW LOGO

The new logo for PSU may be seen all over campus. From banners hanging along roadways to letterhead, to pencils and pens, and to shirts the logo is everywhere. This past year, Portland State decided they wanted to construct a logo that makes a stronger statement in relation to community. Community is a word that is tossed around campus quite freely, but it is also what makes PSU unique. The renovation did not come without expense. Costs including the design itself in addition to replacing all old logos with new logos (which includes letterhead, brochures, balloons, signs, website updates) resulted in thousands of dollars in fees. Did they accomplish their goal to construct a logo that suggests and encourages community? You be the judge.

Compiled by Crystal Joele Rea
Information has been derived from various media sources.

Editorial

The Statement of American Apparel

Protest surrounds us. "Don't drink Coke, they kill workers". "Don't support Nike, they take advantage of underprivileged nations." "Don't drink Starbucks, they are monopolizing the industry." This country protests and protests, but never offers valid solutions. American Apparel has constructed a chain of clothing stores that indirectly addresses these ideologies.

Stepping into an American Apparel store, you are met with a world of color; basic color. Racks are filled with tank tops, leggings, t-shirts, shorts... the list continues. The designs favor clothing essentials and no design may be found on any of the clothing in the store. The price for such items? \$24 for a tank top.

Prices soar in this store, but for what reason? There are countless locations that sell solid colored clothing for half the price. In addition, there is nothing unique about the clothing sold at American Apparel, so what is the reason for the prices?

Rather than contract work out to other countries, which is a criticism toward so many American companies, American Apparel keeps everything within the borders of the United States. A self titled "Los Angeles Based Sweatshop Free T-Shirt And Apparel Company," American Apparel is answering a call for more "wholesome clothing." Located in Los Angeles, everything from the first design, to the marketing, to the actual construction of the clothing is started and finished on American Soil. The price is a direct result of keeping everything within the United States due to minimum wage laws. Rather than paying a factory worker in another country a much smaller amount to do the same job (the money that is minimal to us, however, is enough to support a family in less fortunate countries) they are paying people at least \$13 an hour in addition to benefits to perform the same tasks.

One would think that since the price being paid for the same task is so much higher we would at least be receiving a higher quality product, this is not the case. Though American Apparel does produce a high quality product, it is not

any more durable than you would find at a store such as Nordstrom who is known for quality. Rather than paying extra money for a better product, you are strictly paying towering prices for a product that was made by American citizens on American soil.

American Apparel discovered a market that needed to be filled; a market of clothing which never touched foreign hands, but how successful in actuality are they when the price of clothing is so high? Very few individuals are able to pay the prices necessary to purchase clothing at American Apparel. Though financially difficult to purchase the clothing, it is flying off the shelves. It has become somewhat of a fashion trend to dress in American Apparel clothing and it is currently one of the fastest growing companies in the world. Such as consumers of Abercrombie & Fitch, you are paying for a brand name.

Despite a company that appears to be doing everything correctly, the same issues tend to arise as do in relation to abusing workers in other countries. Multiple female employees have left American Apparel for sexual abuse issues and the CEO, Dov Charney, has fallen victim to accusations that he has forced female employees to perform tasks such as oral sex. He has also faced accusations that he masturbated in front of a reporter from Jane magazine and requested that workers with whom he could have sex be hired. He has been accused of inviting workers to masturbate with him, conducts meeting in his home nearly nude, and has been quoted in saying, "women initiate most domestic violence."

The accusations of an overly charged sexual atmosphere have gone beyond being strictly related to the CEO as individuals in positions of power have also been accused of using their position to obtain sexual favors and have rewarded those willing to submit with extra benefits and promotions. Further, the company has been accused to displaying amateur pornographic style advertising and discriminating based on personal style in

relation to hiring sales associates for its retail stores.

Within the walls of the United States we have a right to assemble and form groups such as unions. Upon hearing that employees were planning on starting a union at American Apparel, executives organized an anti-union rally to halt any hope of a group forming. In defense of requesting that a union not be formed, American Apparel stated the reason to be that the union in question, UNITE, has been accused to constructing a sweatshop like atmosphere that endangers workers. Despite keeping all work related to American Apparel within United States borders, the same issues arise as in foreign locations.

Looking at the issues, American Apparel is attempting to provide Americans with a company they may support. The idea that no workers were exploited in the construction of its clothing is a good one, but no company is perfect. As lawsuits continue to be thrown at American Apparel (I am not educated on their validity, I have not seen anything first hand) the coming years for the young company will be quite interesting. In proving a point, they are being attacked with the same issues as companies harboring shops in foreign countries face. Further, if all companies were to move in the same direction as American Apparel, clothing would become incredibly expensive. If design were to be implemented into the clothing sold by companies such as this, prices would do nothing but soar.

This is not meant to present American Apparel in one way or another, it is simply meant to show that issues such as contracting work to other countries may seem to be largely negative, but when faced with the alternative, there is really no viable solution. In purchasing clothing from American Apparel you are paying for a brand and supporting a cause, but the company arguably has just as many exploitation issues as companies utilizing foreign production. It is an issue that will never be resolved and will continue to run in circles.

UPCOMING EVENTS

What we think you shouldn't miss

Education Abroad Fair

October 12 12:00pm -3:00pm
Smith Ballroom 355

Homecoming Week

October 16 - 21

SOCCER SEASON

PSU Vikings

Home v. Eastern Washington

Game @ PGE Park
October 13, 2006
7:00 PM

Home v. Montana
Game @ PGE Park
October 15, 2006
1:00 PM

Home v. Northern Arizona
Game @ Nike World Campus
October 20, 2006
2:00 PM

Home v. Sacramento State
Game @ PGE Park
October 27, 2006
7:00 PM

VOLLEYBALL SEASON

PSU Vikings

Games @ PSU Stott Center
Home v. Weber State
October 12, 2006
7:00 PM

Home v. Sacramento State
October 26, 2006
7:00 PM
Home v. Idaho State
October 28, 2006
1:00 PM

Home v. Montana
November 09, 2006
7:00 PM
Home v. Montana State
November 11, 2006
7:00 PM

FOOTBALL SEASON

PSU Vikings

Games @ PGE Park

Home v. Idaho State

October 14, 2006
6:00 PM

Home v. Eastern Washington
October 21, 2006
6:00 PM

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

PSU Vikings

Warner-Cascade Open Invitational
October 14, 2006
Portland, OR
NCAA Regionals
November 11, 2006
(Portland, Ore.)

Lovedrug

November 7 8:00pm
Hawthorne Theatre

Circa Survive

November 6 7:00pm
Roseland

Goo Goo Dolls

November 7 8:00pm
Orpheum

Clap Your Hands Say Yeah

October 12 8:00pm
Crystal Ballroom

The 2006 Hotel Café Tour

October 6 9:00pm

Doug Fir

Performers Include:

Cary Brothers

Joshua Radin

The Weepies

Rachel Yamagata

Matt Costa

Brett Dennen

Kate Havnevik

Joe Purdy

The Fray

November 18 8:00pm
Rose Garden

On the Round-

by Robert S. Reece

Do you know what a “roundabout” is? Roundabouts are pretty rare in the United States, but they are very common in England. I think they are called “traffic circles” around here. When a driver comes to a roundabout, he or she yields to any traffic already progressing around the circle and then merges onto the circle. As one drives around the circle one can see signs pointing to the exits leading to the routes to various destinations. I know people who simply detest these roundabouts, but I find them quite helpful. When I come to one, I find that I can enter the flow of traffic and drive around and around, calmly reading the signs to learn which exit I want to take. Then I can safely move over into the exit lane at the proper moment to leave the circle. There is no need to be in a panic and take the wrong exit or cause a traffic problem by making a right hand turn from the left hand lane or driving too slowly in front of some impatient or confused driver. These days, I feel as though I were on a huge bus filled with passengers of all makes and models, and we find ourselves going around and around, trying to read the signs and to figure out which exit is the right one to take. So it seems to be with our society.

I am pretty sure that most of us have heard the old cliché, “Everybody knows right from wrong.” Well, I am not so sure. And I am not speaking only about those with whom I disagree. Sad experience has taught me that knowing right from wrong can indeed be difficult, having made a decision only to find out, too late, that it was the wrong decision.

I heard about a recent questionnaire, which asked if it were OK to lie. The great percentage replied that it was not. Maybe you agree! But the answers given to further questions contradicted the earlier answers. Let me pose a few for you. Your four-year-old daughter must get her DPT [diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough) and tetanus (lock jaw)] shots before she can attend preschool. She asks if it will hurt. Do you lie to her, or do you have a big scene at the doctor’s office. Your grandmother has Alzheimer’s disease and doesn’t remember that your grandfather died 12 years ago. Every time you tell her that he has passed away, she sinks into a deep depression that lasts for days. You pick her up for a party on her birthday and she asks if your grandfather will be there. Do you tell her the truth, or do you lie to her and say that he is on a business trip or something?

I don’t really want to dwell on lying, but rather to, hopefully, put up a signpost for our bus going around and around the roundabout. Throughout human history, persons have tried to do the same thing and I am willing to try to make my contribution. There are those who talk about “rights,” “human rights,” “God given rights,” “Constitutional rights,” “Geneva Convention rights,” “natural rights,” “animal rights,” . . . the list goes on. Certainly, it seems that rabbits have a right to be alive. I guess a fox has the same right to be living. Then, here is the rub. Does the fox have the right to take the life of the rabbit in order to eat

it? Do you reply “no!” that the fox must eat clover just as the rabbit does? Enter Malthus . . . The rabbits multiply, as do the foxes even though they are eating only clover, and “shazam!” no more clover and they all starve to death together.

So we have parental rights, spousal rights, free speech rights, Miranda rights, political rights, voting rights, gay rights. . . . You could probably go on and on. Maybe you have heard someone ask, “Where did you get the right to . . . ?” Maybe you have been told, “You don’t have any right to” Have you ever heard it said, “I don’t see where you have any right to feel that way”? (Aha! Another one, “feeling rights.”) I heard it said a lot this summer, that Israel didn’t have a right to react the way they did, although I heard many say that Israel did have the right of self defense.

There are so many issues to address in discussing right and wrong. Saying that everybody knows right from wrong is a little like saying that the earth is flat. There was a time when “everybody” knew that the earth was flat. I get very tired of people telling me what to think and how to speak. If they think they know right from wrong, let them try to convince me, I don’t want them to just call me an “infidel,” or a “right wing nut” and insist that I have to believe in “God” (or Allah), or the devil; or tell me that I have to, or am not allowed to pray; or tell me that if I swear allegiance to my country, that I must rank this worldly allegiance underneath their secular god.

So, where are we now? Are the rights, no matter how loony, claimed by one person, equal to the rights claimed by any other person? I think this is a recipe for chaos.

It looks like we need a sign on our “roundabout” which points to a single exit. What could we call it? “the test of truth,” “social imperative,” “guide post to sanity,” “the guide to human sanity,” “avoiding the pitfalls, . . . ?” Maybe you can think of a good one.

The principals of this way would include:

- 1 Whatever rights I claim for myself, I must be willing to acknowledge that others have the same right to claim for themselves.
- 2 Whatever rights others want for themselves, they must be willing to acknowledge that I also have a right to claim for myself.
- 3 Those who refuse to agree to these two conditions have no reason to expect anyone else to acknowledge that they may have rights.

To illustrate forgoing the point, I want to write about the person or persons who confiscated copies of the Portland Spectator when they were placed around the PSU campus. I suppose that this person or persons would be the first to demand the right to free speech, especially political speech.

If so, they have to acknowledge this same right to those with whom they disagree. If they know right from wrong better than we, then they should have no trouble convincing us. As far as I

am concerned, when they deny us the right to free speech, they forfeit any right to free speech themselves.

Of course, there is another reason to allow free speech besides it being a right we demand. University students should be the first to demand to be educated on political issues, that is, to hear all the arguments pro and con, to have all the facts presented before making any political judgments. If one doesn't have all the facts, making a sound judgment gets a little "iffy" to say the least. Free speech is supposed to enhance your ability to learn the facts.

Too many people think that being "smart" and being "good" is the same thing. I think that this notion is very prevalent on university campuses, especially among the faculty. The belief that is so commonly heard is that smart people, especially the highly educated ones, the experts, should make decisions for the rest of us. These people call themselves "elite" and strut the halls of academia. The trouble with this line of reasoning is that they convince their students to follow in the same footsteps. Unfortunately, being in power does not mean that you are either smart or good. The end result is having people like Karl Marx trying to run everything. I want to relate a story that comes directly from Communist East Germany that goes like this:

A man was sitting in the park. He watched as a worker came along and dug one big hole after another. Presently, another worker came by and poured water in the holes, only to be followed by a third worker who filled the holes back up. Finally the man's curiosity got the better of him and he asked the workers what they were doing. They replied that they were planting trees. Then the man asked where the trees were. He got this answer:

"Oh, the man who puts the trees in the holes is out sick today." The elites, the Politburo, were running everything. A so-called, "country hick" would have wasted neither his own time nor his

own money for such a stunt. When it is not your own money, it just doesn't seem to matter! I have known a lot of so-called "country hicks," and some of them were not in power, and some of them were not very smart, but some of them were very good.

My high school teacher and football coach used to tell the following story. He said it occurred in a small Oklahoma town.

A group of men (read: powerful elite business men) had a large supply of lumber delivered to them. They needed a place to store this lumber, so they decided to stand it on end in an old dry well. When it came time to remove the lumber, they discovered that pulling it out wasn't as easy as dropping it in. Many solutions were hypothesized and tried to no avail.

One spectator to all these activities was an overgrown youth that they all called the "town idiot." One day he had the temerity to ask one of these powerful elite businessmen what the problem was. The answer given reflected the notion that the businessman considered the problem too difficult for the youth. The youth then asked if they were trying to get the wood out of the well. The powerful elite businessman replied, "yes," that they were trying to get the wood out and asked: "How would you do it?" The answer was, "I'd just fill the well with water and just float it out!"

It worked! So much for the elites.

I want free speech, so I will acknowledge your desire for free speech. I will use free speech to advance my ideas about right and wrong. I will consider your ideas about right and wrong, but I will not allow your ideas to be forced upon me. I hope you will understand that I may want different things than you do.

"Treat others in the way you want them to treat you," that is my sign. !!Whoops!! Someone already put up that sign! Well, back to the old roundabout.



15 Things College Freshmen Should Know

by Karen Marshall

- 1) You really can't succeed in your courses while partying nightly.
- 2) Nearby coffee shops are the perfect place to study.
- 3) *The best way to stay in shape AND get credit; take a fitness course through PSC.*
- 4) Learn to love Sushi (it balances out effects that pizza, dorm food and drinking have on your system.)
- 5) Resident Assistants really **CAN** tell when you've been drinking (and/or are drunk!)
- 6) There is life beyond Facebook and Myspace. *Really.*
- 7) **Explore the city.** Start with Hawthorne or Northeast, they're close yet feel another world away.
- 8) **Attend class.** You don't necessarily have to pay attention, but if you plan on passing the final it's helpful to know the material.
Further... in 2 years, the meaningless information will actually becoming meaningful.
- 9) **Become involved in student groups**, after all, what's a better way to meet people who are interested in similar things than by doing those things? (you also pay for them, so might as well)
- 10) **Everclear, Barbarossa and HRD are no one's friends.**
- 11) Venture off campus, and frequently!
Try the max, streetcar or bus as your method of travel.
- 12) **Rockstar & Redbull really do give you wings --**
even more so during finals week.
- 13) Have time to kill? *Watch our football, basketball or soccer teams play.*
- 14) **Save Sunday for sleeping in.**
- 15) Enjoy the ride, because in four (or five or six!) years it'll be over!



ONDINE

FAQ from the information desk

The following is a quick reference to the most frequently asked questions of the Information Desk. For more specific area, stop by the Information Desk located in the lobby of the Smith Memorial Student Union.

- 1.) Where do I set up my ODIN account? SMSU room 18 – help desk
- 2.) Where can I find an academic advisor? SMSU room 425
- 3.) Where is the disabilities resource center? SMSU room 435
- 4.) Where is the registration office? NH lobby
- 5.) How do I set up a meal Plan? Cafeteria, SMSU 260, Ondine
- 6.) How do the abbreviations of rooms correspond with the building? Depends on the building. SMSU, NH, CH...
- 7.) Where can I find my professors office? Depends on your major
- 8.) Where are student group offices? Check online or with SALP in room in SMSU 119
- 9.) Where do I get my student ID card? NH lobby ID window
- 10.) Where can I get tickets for sporting events? SMSU ticket box office Broadway side of building



Are You **LOST** Yet?

Compiled by Crystal Joele Rea

Each new year brings new questions and concerns. Amidst the struggles of PSU's commuter campus arises the issue of communication. Locating people, groups, and offices on campus becomes a struggle that must be contended with each year. The following are a list of contacts that may be the most useful as Fall Term begins.

Get involved in STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SMSU 117
Phone: 503-725-3454
Student Body President: Courtney Morse

Participate in INTERMURALS

Peter Stott Center 102
Phone: 503.725.5647

Get off campus with the OUTDOOR PROGRAM

SMSU (Outdoor Program)
Phone: 503.725.56688
<http://www.odp.pdx.edu/>

Take competition to the next level with CLUB SPORTS

SMSU "Club Sports office"
Phone: 725.5663

Take care of everything including: parking passes, to registration issues, to late enrollment, to student ID cards, financial aid, transcript requests, Tri-Met Passes, and Flexcar registration.

Newberger Hall Main Lobby

Multicultural Center

228 Smith Memorial Student Union
Phone: 503-725-5342

Campus Safety

Phone: 503-725-4407
Intersection of SW Broadway and SW College

Legal Services

SMSU M340
503.725.4556

The Office of International Affairs

Want to study abroad?? Check out these offices.
East Hall
Phone: (503) 725-4094

Career Center

University Services Building 402

Office of Information Technologies

SMSU 18
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Academic Advising

Information & Academic Support Center
SMSU 425

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I am a student at PSU as well as an army cadet in the Reserve Officer Training Core at the University of Portland. I joined the Army ROTC program when my collegiate football career was forced into early retirement. ROTC was a perfect solution because I wanted to stay active, and the training complimented my Criminology criminal justice major. The ROTC provides a pre-professional course of study that develops scholar-athlete-leaders into professional Army Officers. Emphasis in the program is placed on leadership theories, competencies, and skills required for service as an Army Officer within the military, as well as future community leadership.

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able to PSU Students?

by Brooks Allen

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Fall Schedule of Events

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| 16 September | - Rappel and BBQ/ Auction (The Bluff) |
| 23 September | - UP “A” Games |
| 07 October | - Land navigation (Fort Lewis, WA) |
| 12 October | - Fall awards ceremony |
| 4 November | - Ranger Challenge (Fort Lewis, WA) |
| 11 November | - Veterans Day Vigil (Praying hands Memorial) |
| 17 November | - Fall field training exercise (Camp Rilea, OR) |
| 21 November | - Dining In |
| 07 December | - PILOT Battalion Run |

And Then Comes...

Election Season

by Jared Stilwell

The midterm elections are fast approaching. This election will be a sort of final electoral referendum on the efficacy of the Bush administration. However, on August 8th voters in Connecticut already demonstrated their disapproval of President Bush in a very disturbing way – primary voters purged Senator Joe Lieberman from the party ticket to represent that state in the US Senate. Ned Lamont, a telecommunications magnate and a political neophyte, ousted Lieberman in the primary by a count of 51.8% to 48.2%. Lamont favors an immediate withdrawal from Iraq and is a favorite of the fever swamps of the leftist blogosphere.

Lieberman is the sole remaining member of the “Scoop” Jackson wing of the Democratic Party. Jackson, an ardent anti-Communist, was a moderate Democrat who served from Washington State from 1952 until his untimely death in 1983. Disagreeing with the GOP on many social issues, he nonetheless saw the looming menace of Communism and the Soviet Union as a grave threat to the republic. He, unlike many in Washington today, felt that politics should end at the waters’ edge.

Lieberman is one of the few members of the Democratic Party who understands the threat that Islamic fascists pose to the liberty of free people today. Lieberman is not a conservative, or even a moderate senator. For instance, Americans for Democratic Action, a left-wing group who rates Congress, gave Lieberman a score of 85 percent in 2002. His lifetime rating is 76. The American Conservative Union, a similar group sitting on the right, has Lieberman at 19 percent lifetime. While this is more to the right than that of Senators Clinton (9), Kerry (5), or our own Wyden (10), Joe Lieberman is hardly a conservative. Zell Miller, the prominent former Democratic senator from Georgia who nonetheless endorsed President Bush in 2004, enjoyed a lifetime rating of 84 from the ACU.

So, why did the Democratic base revolt and purge Lieberman from the ticket? One word – Iraq. Lieberman was the only

candidate in the Democratic field in 2004 who was not willing to score political points in the primaries by opposing the war in Iraq. For this sin, the leftist doctrinaires of the Democratic Party removed Lieberman as the standard bearer in the state of Connecticut.

As the fringe Left of the Democratic Party continues to gain more and more influence over the platform, their election prospects become increasingly dimmer. As a registered Republican, one might take joy in the impotency of the Democratic electorate. This view, however, is mistaken.

In this last election cycle, the GOP has proven in many ways it is not worthy to be the majority party. Earmarks are at an all time high; President Bush has grown the budget faster than any president on this side of LBJ, and this Congress and administration have allowed farm subsidies to bloat. Further, President Bush has signed a bill that created the largest entitlement program since the advent of Medicare. Before he vetoed the embryonic stem cell bill this summer, President Bush had not met a bill he could veto. He refused to veto the McCain-Feingold Incumbent Protection Act. I mean the Campaign Finance Reform bill of 2002. Ralph Kiner, the great slugger of the last-place Pittsburgh Pirates, complained of his contract’s 25 percent reduction in 1953 when he led the major leagues in home runs. The owner of the team told him the Pirates could get last place without Kiner. I often feel that way about the GOP of late. How much worse could the Democrats do?

And that is precisely the problem. No matter how bad things get with the Republican Party, the Democrats continue to remind us why they would be worse than the GOP. This may be good for the Republicans, but it is not good for Democracy.

A few of the top ten tax heavy states will come as no surprise to the reader: Rhode Island, Hawaii, Maine, Vermont, and New York. These states are some of the bluest states in the Republic. One state, however, stands out – Utah. How is Utah, the

bastion of right-wing Republicans, one of the highest taxed states in the Union? Simple: The Democratic Party has virtually no shot at winning the legislature or the governorship. No matter how poorly the GOP in Utah performs, the leadership knows they will be returned to office. Because of this, the governing party has no incentive to provide tax cuts, to cut corporate welfare, or to trim wasteful spending.

The Democratic Party has not demonstrated that they take the War on Terror seriously. The party sees the problem of Islamic jihadists as a criminal investigation. The New York Times is quick to expose essential government programs to combat terrorism, thereby assisting groups like Al Qaeda in their attempt to inflict casualties on Americans. The left wing media organizations seem more interested in embarrassing the Bush administration than delivering an accurate picture of the modern state of the world. If the Democrats have a plan to fight the war in Iraq, besides to cut and run, I have not heard it. I do not think the Democrats could do worse domestically than the GOP, but I cannot see how they would keep this country safe when they view groups such as Al Qaeda as criminal organizations, not enemy combatants. Americans simply do not trust the Democratic Party to keep them safe, and because of that lack of trust, the Democrats are becoming largely irrelevant.

I fear that Utah may serve as a type of microcosm of our nation. As the Democratic Party careens off further to the left, chasing the sad siren song of Moveon.org., DailyKos, Cindy Sheehan, Rep. John Murtha, and Howard Dean, voters will turn their support to the GOP. While this will help the GOP in the short term, the whole political paradigm of our country will shift to the left as the Republicans move from the right to the center. However, the real danger is that the Democratic Party will become increasingly irrelevant. Americans need to have two viable alternatives if our Republic is to thrive. The lack of choice is detrimental to freedom.

Who Represents YOU In Office?

by Dustin Rose

In November, Republicans are looking for a big win. There is talk of a possible Republican sweep in both houses of congress and the governor's race. One tight race for the senate is taking place in East Portland for the district 24 seat. This race is an exciting one with candidates from the Republican, Democrat and Independent parties being represented. Republican candidate TJ Reilly has put together a grassroots effort for his campaign in the hopes to steer clear of the typical smear tactics. This small business owner and church goer is doing his best to rise above the other candidates in his race. Sign, bumper stickers and walkers have flooded the district with his message. I had the chance to ask T.J. Reilly a few questions and the following is his responses.

DR: What inspired you to get into politics?

TJ: Customer Service.

I believe strongly in serving my customer. This is one of the core reasons my business does well. I do not see good customer service in Salem. Who are they serving? The citizens of Oregon. I get the feeling the citizens are upset with the quality of customer service they are receiving. For example, in the education system who are the customers? The students. In K through 12, we need to make sure a large percent of the dollars allocated to this budget makes it to the classrooms to the students.

DR: Who was your biggest political role model or hero?

TJ: Ronald Reagan

DR: What is the aspect of politics that you love the most?

TJ: I have always enjoyed a challenge. I see challenges as opportunities.

DR: What is the aspect of politics that you like the least?

TJ: I don't like the dishonesty that is so prevalent in politics. Too many politicians stretch and twist the truth just to carry out their own agenda.

DR: What do you think will be the outcome of the upcoming elections in Oregon? Who will win in the House, Senate, and Governor's races?

TJ: I believe the republicans will keep control of the House and probably tie the Senate. If Saxton can get enough people

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to hear his message, I believe we will have a Republican Governor.

DR: Where do you see Oregon going in 5 years? In 20 years?

TJ: The reason why we have so many initiatives on the ballot for November's election is because the people are frustrated with the legislature. Some of the elected officials do not honor their opinion or vote. We need to stop the partisanship and bickering, and start serving our needs of our citizens. We need to bring back honor and respect to Salem. The legislature needs to be more honest and transparent.

Many of the current ballot measures will probably pass, which will force the legislature to come up with creative ways to continue to reduce taxes.

DR: What will you seek to accomplish in office? What will be the top issues on your agenda?

TJ: I'd like to work to create an atmosphere of mutual cooperation between both parties. The current partisanship has been preventing the legislature from doing what is best for our citizens. Education, taxes, immigration and health care.

DR: Describe what the Republicans have done in regards to legislation for the average college students in this state.

TJ: I don't think that question can be answered in regards to just Republicans since both the Democrats and Republicans have been working to improve education in Oregon.

DR: What are the biggest issues Oregon is facing at the moment?

TJ: High cost of higher education. Funding education. Rainy day fund. Health care. Financial strain on social services. Building a strong Oregon economy. Accountability.

We also have a management issue. Our taxes are not being managed wisely. When the Department of Human Services can

rent an empty floor of an office building for \$27,000.00 a month for 10 years, then we know we have a serious management issue.

DR: What bit of advice could you offer a college student who is considering the field of politics?

TJ: The legislature is made up of all types of people with different backgrounds and education. Everyone brings something to the table. My advice would be to listen to those who do not share your opinion. Ask questions and try to understand their passion. You might find out you have something in common with them.

Dealing With The Devil

By Chris Morrow

"The ruling to kill the Americans and their allies -- civilians and military -- is an individual duty for every Muslim who can do it in any country in which it is possible to do it"
-Osama Bin Laden, February 22 1998

The world is dealing with the devil. Terrorism is the devil. When dealing with good and evil, good will always win. I challenge anyone to prove that wrong. Much of the world chooses not to decide whether good or evil will prevail, thus leading to the spread of terrorism. I pointedly ask you to consider what side you are on; are you with good or evil?

Americans face terrorism everyday, yet choose to largely ignore it. Except for many convicted leaders in America, we bow to the face of terrorism. We have a strong resistance in America to any meaningful action in the Middle East, the breeding grounds of terrorism. London is having tremendous success in foiling massive terror plots and routinely capturing terrorists. What are we doing in the United States? We are arguing about how to treat terrorists. We are protecting the terrorist's rights, while al-Qaeda is plotting their next attack to kill precisely those that are looking to protect their rights. Need I remind all Americans that al-Qaeda does not discriminate in whom they attack? We have forgotten too soon about 9/11. America is in the midst of a war against the devil. Americans must choose between good and evil, before they find themselves dead.

The world is not doing much about, so terrorism must not be too big of an issue?

After all, Americans argue about where terrorists are, exactly who they are, and what they desire rather than understand that they want us dead. So why would the world care either? Forget the Madrid bombings. Forget the London train bombings. Forget Hezbollah. Forget Iran. Even better, forget Osama bin Laden. At least it appears the United Nations, the world democracy, has forgotten the world is now under attack, not just America. The United Nations has a resounding voice in passing resolutions against Iranian nuclear technology, but cowers like a dog caught peeing on grandma's antique couch when it comes time to act on what they so boldly say. Or better yet, we see prime ministers ousted from their leadership positions as a result of their conviction to fight evil and not lead their people to ultimate death. The icing on the cake comes recently in response to the Pope's comments about perverse Islam when the Iraq branch of al-Qaeda stated, "We tell the worshipper of the cross (the Pope) that you and the West will be defeated, as is the case in Iraq, Afghanistan, Chechnya...We shall break the cross and spill the wine...God will (help) Muslims to conquer Rome...God enable us to slit their throats, and make their money and descendants the bounty of the mujahideen." Wait a second! Forget the hate spewing from the mouths of al-Qaeda

terrorists for a moment, or feel free to ignore it ever happened like the rest of the world. Since when do we recognize that al-Qaeda has political branches throughout the world? Rather than view them as a political entity to negotiate with, the world should come to a resounding conclusion that all terrorists, affiliated or not, should be treated as inhumanely as they act. The world must also choose between good and evil rather than walking the fine line that leads to further death and destruction all over the globe.

You cannot deal with the devil, you will lose every time. The entire globe is being taken straight to their grave. Osama bin Laden sees it. Ahmadinejad sees it. President Bush sees it. Don't believe me? Spain pulled out of Iraq at the demands of al-Qaeda. Al-Qaeda's thank you included the Madrid bombings shortly thereafter. It is time to stop playing politics, being politically correct global citizens, and watching terrorism take you to your grave. Forget politics. Forget terrorist's rights. Forget World Peace. Step one: choose between good and evil. I choose good and pray America, and the world, choose the prevailing path. Choose to demolish evil in all forms with resounding voice and action. Choose the alternative and you too will be forced to convert to Islam, or die.

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The Necessity of a Unifying Common Language

by J. A. Hoffman

Can a language cause a people to lose their identity? The answer is a most confident yes. A language can help define a nation, whether the language is soft and endearing or hard with easy usability with science. The uniqueness of our country is held in its language. The English language should be a source of pride for our citizens and immigrants alike. No melting pot culture such as ours can withstand a barrage of criticism on the idea of one unifying language. Granted, we are a land of immigrants, but let us not be fools. We must have a common language in which to communicate or we will be in a place of confusion stumbling. Without a unifying language we will be unable to communicate; such as the story of the Tower of Babel.

We must not accept criticism of a national language. If we allow one immigrant community to obtain a free pass on learning English, we are retarding their transition into becoming American. We are failing our pledge - "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free" because we Americans are giving favor to the large immigration groups. People can argue for us to be a multi-lingual country like many other countries, yet if we were to appease every immigrant community in terms of their language, this would simply overwhelm those providing services. Let us have a national language that unifies us. Let us have English, rather the American dialect of English, as our na-

tional language. Granted, some geographic areas will need to have important documents in other languages such as Russian, Chinese and Spanish, but for the sake of keeping a strong federal state we must have a common language.

Do not give radicals their due; pay them no mind. There are those radicals that believe Americans are the illegals. These racists' always clump "Americans" into the group of people with light skin. They slap the face of all other Americans who simply lack pale skin and blue eyes. I believe this to be racism in its most extreme version. These ignoramuses do not understand nor comprehend history. I have many Hispanic friends who share my love for this country and the idea of this country. I believe the Hispanic culture to be a rich, beautiful culture. There are those, however, that believe the Hispanic culture to be the supreme culture. They charter groups like La Raza, which is eerily like the hard-line Nazi's who believed the Aryans to be the supreme race. We should pay these racists no thought, as they will pass into history as the racists they are (we are not calling La Raza Nazis). They provide nothing, they promise everything, and deliver on nothing. Help America remain diverse by supporting a national language - because through laws limiting government, America will remain a country that respects diversity and cherishes it.

Will America Fall?

by J. A. Hoffman

It seems people are interested in the prospect of America's power and which historical dynasties this great country may be compared to. One nation that is justly compared in size and power is the Republic and subsequent Empire of Rome. In pure militaristic power, we are similar, yet we are not a militaristic empire. No intellectually honest person can claim that we are a militaristic empire and what is more if we were, the world map would look much different. The world was fundamentally changed when some well read individuals collectively wrote into existence the idea that is now the foundation of the United States of America. We are not spotless; America has been tainted by the intrinsically evil nature of man. People acting on behalf of the United States have committed atrocities and made historically pertinent mistakes. Thus continues history.

America is sick, both in body and in mind. We the people of these states are separated by negative partisanship and hateful rhetoric. It seems there are no statesmen; no great leader seems to be able to break through this great dogma that blankets our nation.

The United States of America has been infected by special interests. Not only have health care and other lobby groups come into light, the interests of those that hold a pessimistic view of everything American have pushed their way to the forefront of society. There are people that can see NO good coming out of Iraq; they can see NO good in the President. These same people will attack others for speaking badly of Presidents such as Clinton and Carter.

The Empire of Rome, by my analysis, fell because the people forgot what was great about Rome. People did not hold pride in the intrinsic nature of having Roman citizenship. They lost their language, their philosophy on government, and their drive to remain a strong figure in the world. Rome is greatly stained by morally abhorrent actions including slaughtering entire villages and enslaving millions. Because of these actions, we must see man as a fallible, evil creature that must make an effort to act in a morally and just fashion.

The United States of America was founded as an idea; we must hold to this idea of individual liberty and justice. We live in a

time where transportation is the easiest it has been in all of our known history. We must be vigilant with our borders. We are past the time when we can have open borders, when anyone who wanted to come only needed the money for transport and survival.

Instead of finding no goodwill in ourselves with the current administration, we need to find common ground. We need to keep justice a priority and we need to take an honest look at history instead of spouting ill-thought ideas only formed in the minds of the non-informed and scoffers of history. Humanity requires us to work together. Evil is amongst us and we must deal with it accordingly. We must not be afraid of bold, deliberate actions by our morally just citizens. We must honor the law and historical spirit of our land. The United States of America is an idea, therefore it can never be defeated and it can never be abolished. Only mere humans can stain its legacy and ability to do morally just deeds in the world.

Steps to Becoming a Part of the Conservative Movement

by Amanda Marie Newberg

So you've heard of OSPIRG? What about all those signature gatherers outside in the Park Blocks? I'm sure you have. Do you know of any Conservative organizers? I bet many here in Portland might think that's quite ironic... but they do exist. Many of America's leading conservative organizations are run by young and dedicated conservatives and libertarians, many of whom may be found no the PSU campus. These conservatives work hard fighting for what

they believe is right. I want to highlight a few of them and tell you what they do. Not only should they be a source of inspiration, but they are a great place to start when looking for careers in public policy, organizing, non-profits, etc. Do not hesitate to contact them for more information!! Most of the following groups are based outside of Oregon, but many of them have staff here and organize here. They'd love to hear from you.

Freedom Works

Who loves freedom?? Hopefully everybody, but those working for Freedom Works are kicking and screaming for freedom. They seek to include more people in the confusing government arena. These conservative activists run campaigns for smaller government, lower taxes, and most of all – more freedom! Through education, training and mobilization they try to change policy while stimulating grassroots activism. They are also here in Oregon. Check out their website and found out more about ballot measures in Oregon or their great Congressional Action Team!

Website: <http://www.freedomworks.com/oregon/index.php>

America's Future Foundation

The people at AFF are not sure if freedom in America is here to stay. Rather than sit idly aside and watch freedoms slip away, they have taken action. Their strategy for tackling the issue is leadership development. They believe fundamentally in limited government, free markets, and personal responsibility. They work to identify bright individuals in their 20s and 30s and develop them into great leaders. In addition, they also encourage "leadership by knowledge" through forums, debates, and other conservative events. Monthly networking events and an annual outdoor jamborees are always in progress, so there is always a way to get involved.

Contact info: <http://www.americasfuture.org/>

Independent Women's Forum

Where can you find extremely driven, intelligent, strong, and beautiful women all in one place? Look up the Independent Women's Forum. IWF is a non-profit organization founded upon advancing economic liberty, personal responsibility, and political freedom. They are dedicated to research and public education pertaining to how those issues affect women. They have eleven experts researching topics from Afghanistan to tax and labor policy, from feminism to the wage gap. Check out their issues page to read up on current issues. Also, their campus corner talks about how students can get involved. If you are a woman looking for something a little different than we are offered out here in PDX or in our women's studies courses, this is the place to be.

Website: <http://www.iwf.org/>

Students for Saving Social Security – S4

Founded by two college students, S4 now stands as the single most prominent org fighting Social Security reform. They are a grassroots coalition of college campus groups from across the country. They fight the good fight for SS reform through personal ownership. We all know there are huge problems with SS now, so why wait for it to hit us when we're 60? Most of us will be getting jobs soon and giving up a large chunk of that to Uncle Sam and SS. We have a right to impact our future, right? This includes saving social security. S4 works to educate, organize, and mobilize college students around the SS debate. Lucky for us S4's Activism Director Ms. Evan Dent is living right here in Oregon. She travels around the state advocating for SS Reform. Have you ever seen an ostrich girl walking around campus??

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Website: www.secureourfuture.org

The Leadership Institute

The Leadership Institute is a leader in training Conservative leaders across the country. So far they have trained over 48,000 young Americans and counting. They believe the more conservatives in the public policy process the better, and this is the way to accomplish it. They offer trainings ranging from grassroots activism to all aspects of voter registration and get out the vote. They also offer fundraising and public speaking classes. It is a great place to educate yourself on topics from organizing campaigns on your campus to policy issues. It is also a great place to find a job. Check out their job tips online. They also offer internships and run Conservativejobs.com.

Contact: <http://www.leadershipinstitute.org>

Academic Frauds

Serious Students shouldn't take women's studies.

by Carrie Lukas

Summer vacations no longer consist of lazy days on the beach or income-generating jobs. Many college students now dedicate these months to unpaid internships or meagerly compensated opportunities that supposedly provide real-world experience and build impressive résumés. Ambitious undergrads heading back to school should be just as careful in selecting their courses as they were planning their summers. One tip for the serious student: Avoid women's studies.

One might assume that women's studies courses are no less relevant to real life than your average college class. A semester of medieval poetry or art history certainly seems like poor preparation for a career in marketing or sales, undoubtedly where many humanities majors end up. But at least in these types of classes students are taught forms of analysis and critical thinking that come in handy in the future.

Women's studies courses are different. They tend to abandon rigorous analysis in favor of consciousness-raising exercises and self-exploration. One textbook explains that women's studies "consciously rejects many traditional forms of inquiry, concepts, and explanatory systems; at the same time, it is developing new and sometimes unique traditions and authorities of its own." Those "unique" traditions include providing students with "credit for social change activities or life experience, contracts of self-grading, diaries and journals,

even meditation or ritual."

This is too flaky for some students. The textbook warns of potential resistance to these teaching methods. Students may commit such sins as challenging facts in an effort to "undermine the credibility of feminist reading materials and instructors." In other words, students aren't supposed to read texts critically and reach their own conclusions. They are supposed to accept without question the materials and views of their instructors.

It's no accident that women's studies is so different from other subjects. It has an explicit agenda, and the agenda is not simply to provide young women (and men) with knowledge and tools for future learning. Women's studies is unabashedly political and intermingled with the feminist movement. The National Women's Studies Association's constitution, written in 1982, made this link clear: "Feminist education is a process deeply rooted in the women's movement and remains accountable to that community." One textbook author writes: "Women's studies is faced with a vast responsibility.... We must prepare the next generation for its participation in the women's struggle..."

Recruiting women into the organized feminist movement begins with convincing women that they are victims. Recruits are told that women suffer because of an oppressive societal structure—the patriarchy—which gives men

power over women. Marriage lies at patriarchy's core: Traditional marriage and family is a trap for women. Men are viewed with suspicion, potentially violent and looking to oppress. Salvation lies in an enlightened workplace, with generous paid maternity leave, free onsite daycare, and salaries that ignore factors like the number of hours you work or your job responsibilities, but ensure men and women are all paid the same.

It's no surprise that women's studies courses are often unabashedly political. Republicans are described as "overtly opposed not only to women's rights but to advances in civil rights in general." Students learn that the 1990s have given us "The Contract on America, the virulent racism and misogyny of the religious and political right, attacks against the poorest and most vulnerable among us — welfare mothers and children..."

Students should hear such a view. But there should be balance: Students should read and hear alternative perspectives. Balance is something most women's studies classes sorely lack.

Serious students shouldn't waste their time in women's studies classes. For a taste of what women's studies has to offer, pick up the latest issue of *Ms.* or read *NOW's* latest rant. But use limited class time on something more relevant to the real world, like a course on *Beowulf* or East Asian art.

Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute

This organization helps young women to be successful in all areas of their lives. They offer an alternative to the typical liberal version of a modern woman. Through programs like training seminars, hands-on experience and mentoring, they facilitate the making of female leaders. This is a place where development occurs and connections are made. One cool thing they do is help student groups bring conservative women speakers to their campus. Some speakers were Michelle Malkin or Ann Coulter among others. They also offer PAID internships!! These are not easy to come by in DC so take advantage. Website: <http://www.cblpi.org/>

The Young America's Foundation

Individual Freedom. Strong National Defense. Free Enterprise. Traditional Values. These are the core principles that the Young Americas Foundation are based upon. YAF provides conferences, seminars, education materials, internships and speakers to young people across the country. YAF loves Reagan as well. They saved President Reagan's Rancho del Cielo and preserve it as a living monument to Reagan's legacy. An annual conference is held in beautiful Santa Barbara, CA every year, which includes intensive trainings on campus activism. Included in the fun are meetings with prominent Conservative professors, policy leaders, media personalities and like minded students. YAF helps out student groups by providing materials and speakers to college campuses. The CR's on campus frequently work with YAF, and if you are interested in going to Santa Barbara let them know! Website: <http://www.yaf.org/>

What You Might Not Know About Hezbollah

by Jared Stilwell

“Hezbollah’s mission is the destruction of Israel. What common ground can be reached with an opponent that seeks your annihilation? When a worker asks for a raise of five percent, his or her boss can counter with an offer of three percent. Perhaps an acceptable agreement for both is an increase of four percent. You cannot negotiate with fanatics who deny that you have a right to even exist.”

Party Animals: Why Hezbollah Must be Destroyed

On July 12th, Hezbollah launched an attack on civilian targets in northern Israel. The Israeli Defense Force countered with an invasion designed to root out the terrorists in Lebanon. World opinion prevailed upon Israel to enter a cease fire with Hezbollah, which took effect on August 14th. Hassan Nasrallah, the leader of Hezbollah, declared victory over Israel while apologizing for the suffering he brought upon the Lebanese people.

Hezbollah, which means “Party of God” in Arabic, was created in 1982 in response to Israel’s invasion of southern Lebanon, which was in the midst of a 15 year civil war. Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Liberation Organization took advantage of the chaos created by the civil war to set up shop in Beirut, in close proximity to Israel. Palestinian terrorists then attempted to assassinate Israel’s ambassador to the UK in London. Israel responded by invading Lebanon and forcing the PLO leadership to relocate to Algeria. Israeli forces remained in southern Lebanon to serve as a buffer to protect Israeli citizens, both Arab and Jewish, from further attacks.

Even though Hezbollah was nominally created to repulse Israel from Lebanese territory, their hatred extends to Americans, whom they consider to be the main source of sustenance to Israel. In April 1983, Hezbollah terrorists used a truck loaded with explosives to bomb the American embassy in Beirut killing 17 Americans and 46 others. President Reagan did not respond with any sort of force against Hezbollah, which was a failure in foreign policy. Undeterred, Hezbollah struck again six months later when a suicide bomber drove a truck into an American Marines barracks, killing 241 American servicemen. Unfortunately, the Reagan administration did not take any action against Hezbollah, in spite of clear evidence of Iranian backing.

One, however, should not find too much fault with President Reagan. 1983 was a tumultuous era, and the Cold War conclusion was certainly still in doubt. Perhaps Reagan was

trying to pick his battles internationally, however, the lack of an American response has left an indelible impression on the minds of terrorist masters like Osama bin Laden. This episode taught the Islamic terrorists of the world that Americans would not be willing to endure high casualties, a message reinforced by Somalia, Kenya, the Khobar Towers, and the attack on the USS Cole.

Iran: The Puppeteers of Hezbollah

Before 9/11 Hezbollah had the dubious distinction of being the terrorist group that had killed the most Americans, but the more alarming fact is the connection between Hezbollah and the mullahs of Iran.

The Iranian mullahs belong to the Shiite sect of Islam. Hezbollah is also a Shiite group. Iranians are not Arabs, nor do they speak Arabic. Hezbollah’s terrorists are Arab. Hezbollah and the ayatollahs of Iran bridge the language and cultural gap in part with their mutual hatred of Israel and the Great Satan – America.

Iran provides a pipeline of funds into Hezbollah’s coffers. Each month, the mullahs of Iran pay \$20 to \$40 million to assist Hezbollah in purchasing materiel, terror training, and PR moves such as providing schools for Lebanese civilians. Most of the Arab world belongs to the Sunni sect and view the aspirations of the Iranian mullahs with suspicion. However, just as Japan, Germany, and Italy were able to set aside their differences in World War II, the secular Ba’athists of Syria, the Shia radicals of Iran, Iraq, and Lebanon, and the Sunni fascists of Hamas have set aside their differences to wage war against their common enemies – the United States in particular, and the West in general.

Hezbollah’s latest attack on Israel confirms this ad hoc alliance. As the world turned to its attention to Tehran’s nuclear ambitions, Hezbollah launched its attack on Israeli targets. Conveniently for the terror mullahs of Iran, the world’s attention became riveted to the conflict in Israel and Lebanon. Iran benefits because the world is not so focused on their nuclear weapons program. Syria now has the opportunity to offer it-

self as a stabilizer in Lebanon, much like it did in 1990. UN Resolution 1701, which created the cease fire between Israel and Hezbollah, does not even mention Iran or Syria's role in the conflict.

The Solution

Some pundits, whom Lenin would have identified as “useful idiots,” have proffered the notion that negotiating with Hezbollah and its terror masters are what is in order to cease permanent hostilities. If we could only understand and address the “root causes,” they say we would be able to achieve the long-elusive dream of peace in the Middle East.

Hezbollah's mission is the destruction of Israel. What common ground can be reached with an opponent that seeks your annihilation? When a worker asks for a raise of five percent, his or her boss can counter with an offer of three percent. Perhaps an acceptable agreement for both is an increase of four percent. You cannot negotiate with fanatics who deny that you have a right to even exist.

Israel missed a great opportunity when it failed to destroy Hezbollah. Perhaps Israeli Prime Minister Olmert was overly concerned with the opinions of Jacques Chirac, Vladimir Putin, and Kofi Annan, who all fretted that the IDF's response to the terror attacks were disproportionate. Such sentiments are sickening when one considers Chirac's threat to retaliate to terrorism with nuclear warheads, Putin's near-genocide of ethnic Chechnans, and the pa-

thetic reign of Annan over the UN, an organization that is patently anti-Semitic.

What should Israel do? Simply, destroy Hezbollah. They should use Mossad agents to assassinate Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, the leader of Hezbollah. Then they should kill whoever replaces Nasrallah. Israel can help to fortify the Lebanese army, so that the official government of Lebanon will control the southern region. Israel should continue to root out Hezbollah terrorists until it is no longer safe to be a member of the organization. Israeli leaders need to realize that the world's opinion leaders will not support the tactics Israel needs to engage in to keep Israeli citizens, both Arab and Jewish, safe from terrorist attacks, however, this has been the case in all of Israel's near sixty years as a nation-state.

America needs to be supportive of its greatest ally in the Middle East. We also need to realize that the war we fight against Islamic fascists cannot be won until we acknowledge whom we are fighting. We are not fighting “insurgents” in Iraq. We are fighting Al Qaeda, former Iraqi Ba'ath party members, and radical Shiites trained by the Iranian mullahs. We have to acknowledge that the governments of Syria and Iran are funneling funds and arms to our enemies in Iraq, Lebanon, and in Palestine. The war against Islamic fascism will be a long one, akin to the Cold War. One thing is for certain: Hezbollah Delenda Est, Hezbollah must be destroyed.

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